



MINUTES

City Council Meeting
Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd
August 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Matt Russell, Mayor
Eric Gerke, Ward I
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III

Eric Franklin, Ward I
Gerry Pool, Ward II
Clint Gerlek, Ward IV

Call Meeting to Order

The regular session meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Greene County, Missouri, was called to order by Mayor Matt Russell at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Chris Updike, and Clint Gerlek. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, City Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Attorney Megan McCullough, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Garrett Brickner, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Executive Assistant Jordan Furnas, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, GIS Manager Josh Jones, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Saltee, Administrative Manager Trenton Sims, Patrol Sergeant Kenneth Hart, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Finance Director Bob Ford, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m. Chris Brown, 7534 W. Highway 60 spoke about the importance of pollinators and requested the city become a Pollinator Sanctuary and require pollinator friendly plants in developments and businesses.

Terry Mooneyham, 1733 E. Charles St. spoke representing the Historical Society. Ms. Mooneyham requested the demolition of the Public Works building be delayed 6 months to give the Historical Society a chance to pursue financing or grants to preserve it. Ms. Mooneyham also requested the property be donated to the Historical Society. Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:08 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve July 18, 2023 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve Vendor List.
3. As per RSMo. 109.230(4), City records that are on file in the City Clerk's office and have met the retention schedule will be destroyed in compliance with the guidelines established by the Secretary of State's office.
4. 23-R-46 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Negotiate and Draft a Developer's Agreement with Republic R-III School District for Infrastructure Installation at the New Republic Intermediate School.
5. 23-R-47 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Expenditures Relating to Two Missouri Department of Public Safety ARPA Grant Awards.

6. 23-R-48 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Spend Up to an Additional Four Thousand Dollars for the Purchase of Base Rock from Clever Stone Company, Inc. in Connection with the Republic School District Perimeter Queuing Road Project.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting	August 29, 2023
City Council Meeting	September 5, 2023-Cancelled
Board of Adjustment Meeting	September 7, 2023-Cancelled
Planning & Zoning Meeting	September 11, 2023
City Council Meeting	September 19, 2023

Old Business and Tabled Items

7. **23-21 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Greene County, Missouri for Road Striping Services.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 23-21 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Brickner was available to answer questions. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 23-21. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. **23-22 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Iron Grain Planned Development District Phase One.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 23-22 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available to answer questions. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 23-22. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 4 Aye-Franklin, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Gerke. Motion Failed.

9. **23-23 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Execution of a Developer Agreement with Turner Residential Holding, LLC for the Continued Development of the Oak Hills Phase Three Residential Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 23-23 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available to answer questions. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 23-23. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

10. **23-24 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately Four (4) Acres of Real Property Located at 1192 South State Highway MM, from Agricultural (AG) to Heavy Industrial (M-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 23-24 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available to answer questions. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 23-24. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll

call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

11.23-25 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately One Point One (1.1) Acres of Real Property Located at 2314, 2318, 2326 and 2330 East Timber Oak Street, from The 12 Stones Planned Development District (PDD) to Two-Family Residential (R-2).

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 23-25 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available to answer questions. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 23-25. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

12.23-26 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with the City of Springfield, Missouri for the Purchase of Programming Code to Design an Interface for Transferring Information from the Republic Police Department to the Prosecuting Attorney Management System.

Motion was made by Council Member Gerke and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 23-26 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Megan McCullough was available to answer questions. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 23-26. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

13.23-27 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Execution of a Developer Agreement with Shuyler Ridge LLC for Development of Phase Four of The Lakes at Shuyler Ridge Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 23-27 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

14.23-28 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving a Special Use Permit for Gator State Storage FP, LLC to Operate a Boat, Vehicle, and Self-Storage Facility on Real Property Located at 111 and 107 West Broad Street.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the first reading of Bill 23-28 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

15.23-29 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 203.39 Acres, Located at 1462 South State Highway MM, from Agricultural (AG) to Garrett Farm Planned Development District (PDD).

Motion was made by Council Member Gerke and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 23-29 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Jared with Olsson spoke in favor of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

16.23-30 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately Ten Point Four-Four (10.44) Acres, Located at 688 South Kansas Avenue, from Agricultural (AG) and Medium Density Single-Family (R1-M) to Two-Family Residential (R-2).

Mayor Russell announced that staff has requested to table this item until the September 19, 2023 City Council Meeting.

17.23-31 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Budget Amendment No. 1 to the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 23-31 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

18.23-32 An Ordinance of the City Council Setting the 2023 Property Tax Levies for the City of Republic, Missouri.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 23-32 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

19.23-33 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of Wilson's Valley Planned Development District Phase One.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 23-33 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

20.23-34 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Execution of a Developer Agreement with Wilson's Valley, LLC for the Deferment of Certain Infrastructure Obligations in Exchange for the Developer's Dedication of Right-of-Way to the City.

Motion was made by Council Member Gerke and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 23-34 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)

21.23-R-49 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a First Amendment with Burns & McDonnell for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 23-R-49. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

22.23-R-50 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Extend the Engagement of Services with Grote & Associates, Inc. for Government Relations Services.

Mayor Russell announced this item will be tabled until the August 29, 2023 City Council Meeting.

23.23-R-51 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for the Shuyler Creek Trail Project [STBG-6900(813)] with Olsson Engineering for Additional Engineering Services in the Amount of \$73,728.77.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 23-R-51. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Bob Ford for the fantastic job, along with everyone that presented. Mr. Cameron noted that Bob has talked about the Wastewater Treatment Plant probably more than anyone else. Mr. Cameron thanked staff for the work to prepare this unusually long three-page agenda.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Council and the citizens for attending the meeting. Mr. Cameron announced Council Member Self resigned due to moving out of his ward. Mr. Cameron announced we have advertised for the two vacant Council positions. Mr. Cameron apologized for the delays, noting we need more Council Members present to give a fair vote.

City Administrator David Cameron announced we will have Council interviews next Wednesday for those vacant positions in hopes of having a full Council by the September 19 meeting.

City Administrator David Cameron reported the school queuing lane is working well. The intersection at Main and Highway 174 was busy before school started so it didn't fix the busy times in that intersection. Mr. Cameron thanked the city employees that built that and the partnership with the Republic School District. Mr. Cameron noted this was an ideal spot for the lane and the owners were willing to donate the right-of-way.

City Administrator David Cameron shared his appreciation for the Historical Society's presentation, noting there are 3 questions we need to get answered before we could move forward with that request. First, we need to know if we can donate property since the citizens own it. Second, with mold remediation required, can a waiver be issued, and can anyone be allowed to occupy that building when it doesn't meet the city code. Last, are there any laws protecting us from being liable. We will exhaust every effort to get those answered. Mr. Cameron noted we tried to remedy the issues in 2019, but the vote did not go in our favor. Mr. Cameron noted they can call him anytime.

City Administrator David Cameron updated Council on the progress with Well #3 repairs. Staff have pulled 160 feet of pipe and the pump is 500 feet in the ground. Staff and contractors are working throughout the night, and we will hopefully have an update in the morning. There aren't any water pressure issues now, it is more a capacity issue with one well out of service. Pressure and quality are fine and the system is redundant enough to handle it. Garrett Brickner reported it went out this morning and a replacement pump was found within 2 hours. Mr. Cameron reported they will work through the night to get it back in service asap. Flynn is doing the work as they did on Well #6 with Eric Brown working with them.

City Administrator David Cameron reminded Council that we have to take a water tower offline to paint it, but you may not know it in water pressure. With the heat, people are watering, so that will impact this event more than the water tower painting. We will be painting the tower on Hines Street in October.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked staff for the information in the administrative report and encouraged citizens to read it to get local and state updates.

City Administrator David Cameron noted if you haven't driven by the Aquatic Center, you should. There are a lot of things we weren't prepared for, as another city did a similar project and had to turn away people and limit access to residents. Staff have been preparing for an opening date in May and are already discussing these logistics. Mr. Cameron shared his appreciation for the work Parks does to make these things look seamless.

City Administrator David Cameron reported that Chris Crosby has done a great job managing IT to improve cybersecurity. For those who weren't aware, we were attacked for \$975,000 through one email address, and it was a very civilized attack. Staff is consistently working on education and training provided by IT. Our scores are great, and it is about the little things being done well. As Mr. Brown stated in citizen participation, there are things that do not reflect on a spreadsheet.

City Administrator David Cameron announced that Mayor Russell was named as one of the Springfield Business Journal Men of the Year. People don't understand how much Mayor Russell does behind the scenes. He and Krystal also have successful businesses and he serves on Harmony House board.

Council Member Franklin congratulated Mayor Russell for being a Man of the Year. Mr. Franklin thanked the citizens for coming to the meeting, adding his favorite part of Council is hearing from citizens. Mr. Franklin thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission, adding staff does an excellent job and maintains a great level of professionalism. Mr. Franklin reminded everyone that the application deadline for Council seats is Friday. Mr. Franklin also thanked staff for extending the yard waste hours after the storm.

Mayor Russell noted he loves that the Historical Society brought this document in and brought a solution to the table. We hear a lot of what we are doing wrong, but they brought a potential solution, noting he respects the effort. Mayor Russell shared his oldest son Alex plays travel basketball, and his team has been run by Rob Yanders, a 44 year old former star basketball player. Mayor Russell reported Mr. Yanders pushed everyone and they had practice on Sunday and were laughing and joking. That night Mr. Yanders had a massive heart attack and died, leaving behind his wife and 2 small children and thousands of athletes he has coached. Mayor Russell noted he made a difference in his boys' life and will be missed. Mayor Russell noted we don't know when our last moment is, so go home and hug your people.

Executive Session: *No further action, other than announcing adjournment by the Mayor, shall take place after an Executive Session that is scheduled as the last matter on the Agenda unless otherwise stated on the Agenda or as allowed per RSMo. 610.02.*

1. RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
2. RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
3. RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
4. RSMo 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings and records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin at 7:23 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record, RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed

record, RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record, and RSMo 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings and records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 5 Aye – Updike, Gerke, Franklin, Wilson, and Gerlek. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:59 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 5 Aye – Franklin, Updike, Wilson, Gerlek, and Gerke. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Laura Burbridge, City Clerk



Matt Russell, Mayor

